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In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 1674
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Application Number: 10/516,888)	Examiner: Tima Michele McGuthry Banks
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For: METHOD FOR FRACTIONAL CRYSTALLISATION OF A METAL)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants submit the attached Form PTO/SB08a/b for consideration and to be made of record herein by the USPTO in the above-captioned application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii) copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed.

US Pat. No. 5057150, US Pat. No. 7419530 and RU 2112065 listed on the attached Form PTO/SB08a/b were cited in an Office Action mailed November 18, 2008 for US Application No. 10/577,354. A copy of the Office Action is enclosed. US Application No. 10/577,354 and US Pat. Nos. 7442228 and 7419530 listed on the attached Form PTO/SB08a/b share common inventorship with the above-identified application. On the Form PTO/SB08a/b "Abstract only translated" is listed under the heading Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear, because there was nowhere else on the form to indicate a partial translation is being filed.

This IDS is submitted after the first office action on the merits but prior to the issuance of a final office action and/or notice of allowance. Applicant certifies the references cited in the Office Action mailed November 18, 2008 were cited within 3 months of its mailing; and US Pat. No. 7442228 is cited within 3 months of its issuance. Also, the US patent application publication version (US 2005/0039578) of the '228 patent is already of record. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted no fee is required for consideration of this information. In the event any additional fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 14-1437.

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